

Assembly Bill No. 525

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of
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Private Secretary of the Governor

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 3365.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to hearing aids.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 525, Cohn. Hearing aid dispensing.

Existing law, the Hearing Aid Dispensers Licensing Law, establishes the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau in the Department of Consumer Affairs for the licensing and regulation of hearing aid dispensers. Existing law prohibits a hearing aid dispenser from selling a hearing aid to a person 16 years of age or younger, unless that person has obtained a recommendation for a hearing aid within the preceding 6 months from a specified otolaryngologist and a certified audiologist.

This bill would delete the requirement that the audiologist be certified and instead require that the audiologist be licensed by the state.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3365.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3365.6. No hearing aid shall be sold by an individual licensed under this chapter, to a person 16 years of age or younger, unless within the preceding six months a recommendation for a hearing aid has been made by both a board-certified, or a board-eligible physician specializing in otolaryngology, and by a state licensed audiologist. A replacement of an identical hearing aid within one year shall be an exception to this requirement.



Approved _____, 2003

Governor

